



Welcome to the *Voices* of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters

DEBBIE AND TERRI

I must admit December is ONE of my favorite months of the year! I love seeing the smiles and excitement on the faces of little children, picking ornaments from the giving tree to bring a bit of happiness to others and oh the beautiful music that brings back such memories. A time we can all be like little children in one way or another.

I so wish each of you had the opportunity to read the Newsletters and Chapter minutes to see the kindnesses being shown to others this holiday season by our Sisters. Shelters, nursing homes, food banks, Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House and so many other Altruistic endeavors. Thank you for showing your communities such extra love during this time of year when we are so well aware of the many needs around us.

Thank you especially for remembering and reaching out to all of our Alpha Delta Kappa sisters who are experiencing difficulties with health and other life events. Your kindnesses are certain to return to you ten-fold as it is in giving to others that we are truly blessed.

May each of you enjoy your traditions and celebrate in your own special way...making memories that will last a life time! Email me a few of those memories and I will be sure to share them in January! Wishing you a fun filled holiday with family, friends and neighbors! Happy Holidays to you and your family, Debbie

This Christmas holiday season is the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year." It is the time for us to reflect on things in our life that we do because we have always "done it this way." The word tradition comes to mind. It is defined by Webster as "the handing down orally of beliefs and customs from generation to generation." This can become a story of beliefs, customs and celebrations. Some of my favorite traditions are the lighting of the Advent candles of hope, faith, joy, peace and purity which symbolizes the eternity of God's Church; singing carols; decorating trees; gift giving; and having poinsettias all around the house.

We also have traditions in Alpha Delta Kappa. From celebrating our four founders to wearing pearls and displaying violets, Alpha Delta Kappa has a rich heritage. Think about some of the "traditions" your chapter displays in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Email Debbie and I some of your CHAPTER TRADITIONS along with your FAMILY MEMORIES and we'll combine them in the January Newsletter. Happy Holidays to you and your family, Terri



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ENJOY the HOLIDAYS
and TIME WITH LOVED ONES!

DECEMBER

Georgia Chaplain Robin Dudley

While December may have the shortest day of the year or bone-chilling winter weather, it is also the most festive and joyous season in all 12 months.

People and cultures worldwide celebrate, commemorate and appreciate their **“reason for the season”**.

Let us relish life as we live it, find joy in the journey, and share our love and gifts with those near and far.



Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa is Making a Difference in the lives of the patients and families at St. Jude.

Even though we had a small window of time to collect donations, I am PROUD to let you know that we raised \$2,486.25 for St. Jude during the Virtual Walk/Run. I believe that makes us the NUMBER ONE team for Alpha Delta Kappa! Thank you to all the Chapters, Districts, Executive Board and Advisory Committee members, and individual members who made this possible. We did not earmark our contributions for a specific program, but did set our goal at \$1,500 because that amount would cover the cost for 1 day of chemotherapy. Take a look at the graphic showing the cost of services St. Jude provides and you will see what other things we can help fund.

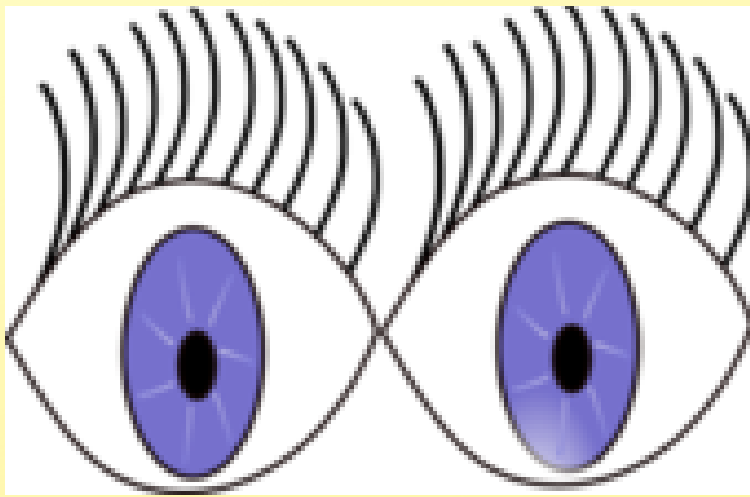
Your hearts for service and altruism beat strong!

Susie Dailey, Altruistic chairman

Gifts that Give



Walk/Run



LOOKING FOR EXTRA SETS OF EYES

NEEDED: Sisters' "Crowd Control" Talents to serve as **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** for our GA Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention in May.

Just think of all the **FUN** you will have seeing so many of your sisters and helping them find their tables, scope out the Ways and Means, find the nearest restroom, or just sit and catch up with each other!

Georgia Sisters need **YOU!**

Sign Up with... Pippy

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DATES to add to your NEW 2024 Calendar!

State Convention dates for Gulf Region:

Louisiana- March 8-9, 2024

Alabama - April 5-7, 2024

Mississippi - April 19-22, 2024

Florida - April 26-28, 2024

Georgia - May 17-19, 2024

Gulf Region Conference

July 13-16, 2024,

Crown Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at
Ravinia

International Convention

July 8-11, 2025

Austin, Texas

January 1--International Dues and ITE Contributions Due

January 1--KAPPAN submissions deadline (March publication)

January 21--DISTRICT CHAIRMAN ZOOM meeting at 10 am

January 31 - Regional Professional Development Scholarship Due

Application due. February 15 - Fine Arts Grants Application Due

February 1 --GA President's Scholarship Deadline

UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS:

February 3 -- Heart of Georgia Spring District Meeting

February 17 -- Columbus Spring District Meeting

February 10-- Albany Spring District Meeting

February 24 -- Golden Isles Spring District Meeting

March 2 -- Atlanta Spring District Meeting

March 9 -- Decatur Spring District Meeting

March 16 -- Athens District Meeting

March 23-- Augusta Spring District Meeting

April 13--Dalton District Meeting

April 20--Marietta District Meeting

Cheers

TO THE NEW YEAR

Visiting with other
Districts and Chapters
is always such fun! Why not try
to visit at least one in 2024?

Membership Update Suzi Bonifay

As noted by Kathy Beatty, International VPM, the Constitution and Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa are the guiding documents of Alpha Delta Kappa that all members and chapters agree to follow. The International Bylaws supersede the S/P/N or chapter bylaws; amendments adopted took effect at the close of the 2023 International Convention. More information regarding the updates for the S/P/N and chapter bylaws will be forthcoming from the International Bylaws Committee.

As your chapter looks for prospective members, consider educators in a specialized field of education. The following list is now a part of the Membership Development Manual (MDM) which can be found on the International website (Members Only > Resource Library > All Members > Member Documents and Forms > MDM – Membership Development Manual):

- *Audiologist*
- *Career/Technical Education Teacher*
- *Community College/College/University Faculty*
- *Educational Consultant (Independent)*
- *Instructional Coach*
- *Instructional Technology Teacher/Coach*
- *Literacy/Math/Curriculum Coach*
- *Media Specialist/Librarian*
- *Occupational Therapist*
- *Orientation and Mobility Specialist*
- *Physical Therapist*
- *Private Contract Educational Provider*
- *School Counselor*
- *School Nurse (Registered Nurse)*
- *School Psychologist*
- *School Social Worker*
- *Speech and Language Pathologist*
- *S/P/N Department of Education Consultant/Employee*
- *Vocational/Occupational Teacher*

A special thank you to each and every one of you for looking for prospective members who possess the same attributes and ideals that anchor our organization and who will strengthen us as much as we do them. Here's hoping your holidays are filled with family and friends, fun and fellowship, love and laughter and that your New Year is filled with lots of new members.



International Teacher Education (ITE) Scholars 2023-2024



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ITE Virtual Presentation - January 27, 2024 3 PM CT

The 2023-2024 ITE scholars will share their personal journeys from their homelands to life in the United States as graduate students. Learn more about these amazing women who want to improve the educational standards in their own countries when they return after receiving their degrees. A link will be posted later.

Gather virtually as individuals or as a whole chapter to celebrate World Understanding, Excellence in Education, altruism, diversity and inclusion, all in one presentation!

A Note from the Treasurer

The January 1 due date to submit District, State, and International dues approaches quickly. Please see the chart below for a reminder as to what goes where.

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DUE DATE	FORM	TREASURER RESPONSIBLE	SEND TO
June 30	Cash Flow and Balance Sheet	Chapter Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
	D-1: Annual Cash Flow Statement	District Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
October 15	990-N (IRS e-postcard)	Chapter Treasurer	IRS and a copy to Lisa Tilley
November 1	Chapter Budget	Chapter Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
	District Budget	District Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
January 1	Chapter Roster Payment Record	Chapter Treasurer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copy to Lisa Tilley 2. Copy to State President Debbie Boswell
January 1	Pay ITE Scholarship Contribution to International	Chapter Treasurer	Pay online at International website or mail to HQ with Chapter Tracking Sheet (found online)
January 1	GA 103: State Dues and Courtesy Form	Chapter Treasurer	Lisa Tilley
January 1	GA 102: State Scholarship Assessment Form	Chapter Treasurer	State VP for Scholarships Kellie Hubbard
January 1	District Dues – District Forms	Chapter Treasurer	Your District Treasurer



CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Don't miss out on great opportunities...all it takes is looking through the International Website to see what is being offered OR joining CONNECT and asking questions of others who have been recipients of many ALPHA DELTA SCHOLARSHIPS!

Read about the ARGO Scholarship below in more detail.

Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

Check out the current open grant and scholarship opportunities below and head over to the scholarship and grants page for more information.

ARGO Scholarship

Application deadline **2.15.2024**

Fine Arts Grant

Application deadline **2.15.2024**

Regional Professional Development Scholarship

Application deadline **1.31.2024**



Apply TODAY!
Due February 15th

Agnes Robertson Global Outreach (ARGO) Scholarship

To provide an Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) member the opportunity for professional growth through travel away from her home environment and/or studying another culture to promote World Understanding and to expand her knowledge and develop materials to be used in the classroom.

